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My Lords and Gentlemen,

I is a great Pleaſure to Me, that, at the Cloſe of this Seſſion of Parliament, I am able to acquaint you, that the Hopes I had conceived and given you, of ſeeing very ſuddenly a happy Period put to the Troubles and Diſorders, which had been ſo long apprehended, are now, by the Treaty ſigned at *Vienna*, anſwered and accompliſhed.

A Project of a Convention betwixt the Emperor and the Maritime Powers, for accommodating the Differences and Diſputes that were ſubſiſting, having been formed, the Treaty is concluded and ſigned by Me and the Emperor, and is now under the Conſideration of the States General; the Forms of that Government not admitting a previous Concert in a Negotiation of this nature: And, as this Treaty principally regards the Execution of the Treaty of *Seville*, it is likewiſe communicated to the Courts of *France* and *Spain*, as Parties to the Treaty of *Seville*: And I have juſt received Advice, that the Ratifications between Me and the Emperor are exchanged.

The Conditions and Engagements, which I have entered into upon this Occaſion, are agreeable to that neceſſary Concern, which this Nation muſt always have for the Security and Preſervation of the Balance of Power in *Europe*; and as the uncertain and violent State of Affairs, to which *Europe* was reduced, and the Miſchiefs of an immediate general War, which began to be thought unavoidable, are now removed: This happy Turn duly improved, with a juſt regard to Our former Alliances, which it ſhall be My Care to preſerve, gives Us a favourable Proſpect of ſeeing the publick Tranquillity re-eſtabliſhed.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

I return you My Thanks for the effectual Supplies, which you have granted Me for the Service of the preſent Year, and for the proper Diſpoſition you have made of the publick Funds, towards leſſening and diſcharging the National Debt; the remarkable Diſpatch and Unanimity, which you have ſhewn at this critical Conjuncture, has added very much to the Credit and Weight of your Proceedings; and you ſhall find as great a Readineſs on My Part to eaſe the Burthens of My People, as ſoon as the Circumſtances and Situation of Affairs will admit of it, as you have ſhewn to raiſe the Supplies neceſſary for the Service of the Publick.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I hope at your Return into the Country, you will find all Attempts to raiſe a Spirit of Diſcontent among My People, by unjuſt Clamours and Miſrepreſentations, vain and ineffectual. All malicious Inſinuations to the Prejudice of My Meaſures muſt ſurely vaniſh, when it ſhall appear, that My firſt and principal Care has been for the Intereſt and Honour of this Kingdom: Let it be your Endeavour to remove all groundleſs Jealouſies and Apprehenſions, that the Satisfaction of the Nation may be as general, as it is My earneſt Deſire that their Happineſs may be; let all My People, let all Orders of Men enjoy, quietly and unenvied, the Rights, Privileges, and Indulgences, which by Law they are intitled to; let no Innovations diſturb any Part of My Subjects in the Poſſeſſion of their legal Property; let all that are zealous in the Support of Me and My Government, partake in common the Benefits of the preſent happy Eſtabliſhment; and let your Good-will to one another be as extenſive as My Protection, which all My good and faithful Subjects have an equal Right to, and may equally depend upon.

Then the Lord Chancellor, by His Majeſty's Command, ſaid,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT *is His Majeſty's Royal Will and Pleaſure, That this Parliament be Prorogued to* Tueſday *the Twenty ſeventh Day of* July *next, to be then here held; and this Parliament is accordingly Prorogued to* Tueſday *the Twenty ſeventh Day of* July *next.*

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